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## **AMENDMENT**

## Dear Sir:

In response to the Office action of January 2, 2004, please amend the above-identified application as follows:

Amendments to the claims are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 2 of this paper.

Amendments to the Drawings begin on page 8 of this paper and include both an attached replacement sheet and an annotated sheet showing changes.

Remarks begin on page 9 of this paper.

An Appendix including amended drawing figures is attached following page 10 of this paper.

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| • | for FY 2003 (Large Entity)                              |         | First Named Inventor   | Kenji ITOH        | RECEIVED               |  |  |
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| 37 CFR 1.16 and 1.17                       |                   | 1812   | 2,520     | For filing a request for reexamination         | i i          |
|                                            |                   | 1804   | 920       | Requesting publication of SIR                  | i i          |
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| 4 50 0 555                                 |                   | 1402   | 330       | Filing a brief in support of an appeal         | i i          |
| 1. FILING FEE                              |                   | 1403   | 290       | Request for Oral Hearing                       | i i          |
| Fee Fee                                    |                   | 1451   | 1,510     | Petition to institute a public use proceeding  | i i          |
| Code \$ Fee Description                    | Fee Paid          | 1452   | 110       | Petition to revive -unavoidable                | i i          |
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| 1003 530 Plant Filing Fee                  | [ ]               | 1502   | 480       | Design issue fee                               | i i          |
| 1004 770 Reissue Filing Fee                | [ ]               | 1503   | 640       | Plant issue fee                                | i i          |
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| Independent                                | V.0 [00 ]         | 1801   | 770       | Request for Continued Examination (RCE)        | r 1          |
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